

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our terms for announcing candidates for township offices are \$1. for all except road overseers, which are \$1.50. Cash must invariably accompany the order for each announcement.

GENTLEMAN.

We are authorized to announce  
F. M. VEATCH  
as a candidate for constable of Keytesville township, subject to the decision of the township election, to be held on Tuesday, March 20th, 1897.

CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

We are authorized to announce  
T. E. R. EWING  
as a candidate for clerk and ex-officio member of Keytesville township, subject to the decision of the voters cast at township election to be held on Tuesday, March 20th, 1897.

COL. OF OR.

We are authorized to announce  
M. L. FINNELL  
as a candidate for collector of Keytesville township, subject to the decision of the township election to be held on Tuesday, March 20th, 1897.

We are authorized to announce  
W. M. (BILL) WILLET  
as a candidate for collector of Keytesville township, subject to the decision of the township election on Tuesday, March 20th, 1897.

The presidential electors of the different states met on the 11th inst., cast their votes for president and vice-president of the United States, and selected messengers to carry the result of their deliberations to Washington City.

So far as we have heard, an expression of every one who attended the inauguration of Governor Stephens and the opening of the 39th session of the general assembly spoke in complimentary terms of improvements made in the last few years in and around the state capital, not the least of which was the wagon bridge that spans the Big Muddy at that point. The only thing we heard commented upon was the hall of representatives because of its unsanitary arrangement. It is poorly ventilated, as a result of its faulty construction, and needs to have fresh air continually pumped into it.

INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNOR.

We had the pleasure on the 11th inst. of witnessing the inauguration of Lou. V. Stephens into the high and responsible position of chief magistrate of the great commonwealth of Missouri. The large hall of the representatives was filled with spectators anxious to witness the imposing ceremonies, every inch of available space being taken, both on the floor and in the gallery.

At the hour of high twelve the members of the senate and their official staff, state officers and assistants, including members of the supreme court, filed into the hall, all of whom were seated inside the bar. Chief Justice Barclay administered the oath of office, following which was the governor's address, which he read in clear and distinct tones, every word being heard in the remotest parts of the hall. The address was such as might be expected from a business man having a clear insight into all matters pertaining to the well-being of the state. Mr. Stephens promises his best endeavors to give the people a good business administration, neither sectional nor partisan, which is commendable in the highest degree, a promise, we have no doubt, that will be fulfilled to the letter.

President, pro tem, of the senate Hon. Charles E. Peers, presided with much ease and dignity during the inaugural ceremonies.

After Governor Stephens had taken the oath of office, loud calls from every portion of the hall were made for the retiring governor, Stoebe. He responded in his happy style to the delight and satisfaction of every one present.

Following this was the presentation of a beautiful bouquet to Governor Stephens. We came near forgetting the rendition of a beautiful hymn, "Praise the Lord," by a choir composed of Jefferson City talent.

The inauguration ceremonies having reached a conclusion in the representative hall, as many as could, repaired to the senate chamber where Lieut. Governor Bolte took the oath of office, after which that gentleman delivered a short but sensible address. Both houses then adjourned for dinner.

OUR LEGISLATURE.

While in Jefferson City a few days since the convening of Missouri Solons, we had the opportunity of scanning the personal of that body, which led us to a conclusion as to their character and fitness for the important position they occupy. We are sorry to say it, but nevertheless it is true, many of our electors have of late years reached the conclusion that almost any one will do for a Missouri lawmaker, and have acted accordingly, in the exercise of their franchise. The result, in many instances, has been that unworthy and incompetent men have sat in our legislative bodies. Such persons have no well-defined opinions of their own on any subject whatever that is brought before them. They may mean to do right, but being misinformed as to the right, they become the victims of unscrupulous lobbyists as readily as the men who are venal from choice.

We noticed in both houses of the present general assembly a large percentage of young men, many of whom are there for the first time, and so far as the lower house is concerned, they compare favorably in personal appearance with their predecessors. In the senate there are some members of good ability, but take the body as a whole, we do not believe the average is up to former grades. It is not, however, men of greatest ability that always make the safest and best legislators. We are pleased to note this favorable feature as connected with the members of both houses. During the several days of our stay there we saw none other than sober, well behaved gentlemen who are members, and even those who aspired to clerical positions, either elective or appointive, seemed to be on their good behavior. Whether attributable to a meager purse or reformation in life, we are not able to say.

REVISION OF THE LAWS.

The duty of the revising the laws of Missouri will devolve upon the legislature that meets two years hence. The effort at revision by the legislature or by a legislative committee has not heretofore been a success or proven satisfactory to law-makers, nor to those who execute the laws. The plan now proposed is for the general assembly to pass a law authorizing the governor to appoint a commission, composed of three members, taken from the best legal talent of the state, who are not members of the general assembly, to do the revising, and who are to begin their work one year in advance of the meeting of the legislature, which body then shall have little else to do but satisfy or reject, as the case may be, the work of the commission. We believe this proposition a good one and we hope it will prevail. Through the deliberations of the kind of legal talent named we would not only have better laws than we now have, but they would be more simple, fewer in number, and stripped of their indefiniteness and ambiguity. If possible, our statutes ought to be so simple that "a wayfaring man, though a fool, needs not err therein." Five thousand dollars to be paid as fees to each commissioner for faithful work thus performed would result in a saving to the state of many thousand of dollars annually.

JOHN A. NAGLE, for a number of years a prominent druggist in Chillicothe, Mo., died suddenly in that city on the afternoon of Jan. 11th of blood-poisoning, contracted from the virus of erysipelas, with which one of his children was afflicted. The inoculation was by a slight abrasion on one of his hands coming in contact with the poison.

The Union and Central Pacific railroad funding bill was defeated in the house of representatives at Washington on Monday last by a vote of 168 to 102. It was the purpose of the bill to permit the issue of new bonds to the amount of about \$140,000,000 in behalf of the Union and Central Pacific railroads, the bonds to run eighty years, and the rate of interest to be about 2 per cent. In addition, the railroads were to pay a sufficient sum in annual installments to extinguish the principal in the period covered by the bonds. The debt due the government by the two roads is in the neighborhood of \$120,000,000, and as security the government has a lien on both lines, which is subordinate, however, to a prior lien on each amounting to over \$60,000,000 in the aggregate.

Cures

Prove the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla—positive, perfect, permanent Cures.  
Cures of scrofula in severest forms, like goitre, swelled neck, running sores, hip disease, sores in the eyes.  
Cures of Salt Rheum, with its intense itching and burning, scald head, tetter, etc.  
Cures of Boils, Pimples, and all other eruptions due to impure blood.  
Cures of Dyspepsia and other troubles where a good stomach tonic was needed.  
Cures of Rheumatism, where patients were unable to work or walk for weeks.  
Cures of Catarrh by expelling the impurities which cause and sustain the disease.  
Cures of Nervousness by properly toning and feeding the nerves upon pure blood.  
Cures of That Tired Feeling by restoring strength. Send for book of cures by

Hood's Sarsaparilla

To C. I. Hood & Co., Proprietors, Lowell, Mass.  
Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion, etc.  
The Indian appropriation bill for the fiscal year carries a total of \$7,465,000.

The grand jury in the United States court at Wilmington, Del., on the 12th inst. indicted Capt. Edward Murphy on a charge of having taken a filibustering expedition to Cuba on the steamer Laurada last summer. Murphy was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The trial was postponed until March. Capt. Murphy appeared in court with his arm in a sling, the result of injuries received in the sinking of the Commodore, of which he was commander, off the Florida coast recently.

An inquest on the remains of William Brice, the Peru, Ind., peddler, whose mangled body was found in the Missouri Pacific railway yards at 1:45 o'clock Sunday morning at Sedalia, Mo., showed that at the time Brice was under the influence of liquor, but not to such an extent as to be unable to take care of himself, and that he complained to the proprietor of the Star saloon that he had been robbed in the rear of the saloon, and pointed out Joe Hewitt, an ex-convict, and "Tug" Wilson, a former helper in the Missouri Pacific boiler-making shop as the parties who had held him up. A verdict was returned that Brice came to his death from causes unknown to the jury.

CUBA.

Gen. Weyler, the Spanish commander in Cuba, has had a hard road to travel. He has not had what you might call a successful engagement with the insurgents, and now the loyal Cubans are demanding of the Spanish government to remove him, because of his inefficiency.

Reports from that unhappy island indicate that her independence is near at hand. Many of our leading congressmen, without reference to political party affiliations, are in favor of declaring her independence. Such action on the part of our government is only a question of time. There is, however, a wide difference of opinion as to which branch of our federal government should make the declaration. Mr. Cleveland maintains that it is the province of the executive while Senator Mill and others take the position that it is the sole right of congress to declare belligerencies or independent governments.

A Satisfactory Post.

Joseph Maxwell Adams, editor of the Salisbury Democrat, is blossoming into quite a poet, and doubtless aspires to be crowned poet laureate of "The Queen of the Prairie." as Salisbury is sometimes appropriately called. Mr. Adams' latest effort at rhyme is entitled, "Lines to My Diary," and is a right clever production. Its author is a day dreamer, a brawler of harmless air-castles, and is as full of sentiment as a love-sick sweet girl graduate. We don't know whether Joseph Maxwell is also the editor of the Democrat, who has a "stigm" on his eye, neuralgia in his head, rheumatism in his back, and frozen feet on account of having no socks, but if he is, it is an enigma to us how he can write poetry under such trying, painful and impoverished circumstances. If Joseph Maxwell, the poet, and the stye-eyed, neuralgic, rheumatic, sockless, frozen-footed editor of the Democrat are one and the same person, we think he richly deserves to rival Lord Byron in the poetic muse.

SLAUGHTER SALE

FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS!

We find that we are overloaded with Winter Goods and have inaugurated a Slaughter Sale for 30 Days, at which we will offer our entire line of

CLOTHING,  
Gents' Underwear, Hats, Caps, Boots  
AND WINTER GLOVES

At 25 Per Cent Less Than  
Regular Price. All goods marked in plain figures, and the purchaser can see that he gets the benefit of the 25 per cent reduction.

We have a mammoth stock to select from, and we know we can please you.

We will also make an especially low price on our line of Gents' Furnishing Goods and Shoes for the next 30 days.

If you are in need of anything included in our large stock, you can not afford to miss this opportunity.

Remember that this is no Fake, but an actual Bona Fide Reduction Sale. WE MEAN BUSINESS.

Yours Truly,

GLOBE MERCANTILE CO.,

C. C. PARKS, Manager.

Keytesville, Mo.

KEYTESVILLE, Mo Jan. 1, 1897.

Arrested for a Novel Swindle.

Horace Hall, a white-haired man, 50 years of age, and William Rust, about twenty five years his junior, are in jail at Santa Rosa, Cal., charged with a peculiar offense. Rusk's father is a wealthy citizen of Atwater, Ill. The young man left home about ten years ago. The scheme was for young Rusk to die, figuratively speaking, and then under the name of Brown to become administrator of his estate. After this was done Hall was to write to Rusk's parents telling them that Rusk was dead, and that Rusk had borrowed \$4,000 from Hall, which Brown, the administrator, refused to pay until he heard from Rusk's father. The letter was couched in sympathetic terms, but made it very plain that it was Rusk's duty to send the money to Brown, so he could pay the debt of his alleged dead son. Had it not been for the Illinois farmer's desire to see the remains of his son the game would probably have worked, but after telegraphing a number of times about the body to "Brown" and Hall, and getting no satisfaction, he became suspicious. Hall and Rusk bitterly upbraided each other for the failure of their plans.

At El Paso, Texas, on the night of Jan. 11th, an unknown Mexican attempted to assassinate Santa Teresa, the Mexican maiden whose wonderful healing powers have caused the poor Mexicans to worship her as a living saint and to rise in rebellion at her call. The would-be assassin called at Santa Teresa's house in this city and, calling her to the front door, grasped her by the wrist and attempted to draw a dirk, the handle of which caught in the man's clothes. The girl screamed for help and the crowd rushed to her assistance. The strange Mexican escaped. Santa Teresa's friends claim that the would-be assassin is a member of the secret police of the Mexican government.

A very destructive fire occurred in Kingfisher, Ok., on Wednesday night last, causing a loss of between \$30,000 and \$40,000. The fire is supposed to have been started by firebugs.

Warning to Train Robbers.

A dispatch from Chicago of the 12th inst. relates that express and railroad managers have sent to messengers and train guards a letter, which, if the orders made are carried into effect, may cause train robbers to hesitate before they determine to hold up a train. These letters instruct the men to shoot to kill in each and every case where robbery is clearly the intent of any one who interferes with the running of a train, and a cash reward of \$500 is held out for each robber shot, but not killed, and \$1,000 for a Jesse James emulator who is made to bite the dust. A general changing of shooting irons has been going on for some time. The most improved pattern of repeating rifles and riot guns have taken the place of arms of less deadly and rapid execution.

Another step is in the general use of monster safes, weighing two to three tons, which have been placed on all the trunk express lines. Cars are also being built with an eye to more resistance against the onslaught of train robbers. Floors and sides are reinforced with iron plates and doors made heavier with stronger fastenings. The gang that successfully holds up a train during the present year must display considerably more skill than heretofore.

G. M. Schilling, the one-armed athlete who undertook to tramp from Pittsburg to San Francisco and back, reached St. Louis on the 11th inst., on his return trip. He was 120 days walking to San Francisco. From there he walked to Portland, Ore., and then started east by the Ogden-Denver-Kansas City route. He is due in Pittsburg again February 20. He started out with a St. Bernard dog, but it died in Ohio, and he is now accompanied by a setter. He must neither beg nor spend any money, and must return to Pittsburg with \$1,000, or forfeit \$1,250. Mr. Schilling expects to leave St. Louis for Springfield, Ill., to-day.

Gold was mined last year to the extent of \$213,000,000, an addition of about 5 per cent to the world's stock of the metal.

M. F. BELL, of Callaway county, has been appointed adjutant general of Missouri by Governor Stephens. J. A. Wickham, who has held the office for the past eight years, having tendered his resignation.

A GENERAL arbitration treaty has just been entered into between the United States and Great Britain, and the documents signed by Secretary Olney and Ambassador Pauncefote. King Oscar, of Sweden, will be the final arbiter in all disputes between the United States and Great Britain for the next five years.

A DANGEROUS counterfeit of the \$20 United States silver certificate has been discovered. The note is of the series of 1891, check letter B. The most noticeable defect is in the treasury numbers, which, although of good color, are too heavy and out of alignment. The paper is good, and the silk threads of the genuine are cleverly imitated by pen and ink lines on the back of the counterfeit note.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of D. B. White, deceased, are hereby notified that at the next regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in February, 1897, at the Court House, in Keytesville, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

J. B. WHITE, Administrator.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of C. Courtney & Son are hereby notified that the undersigned, as surviving partner of said estate, at the next regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in February, 1897, at the Court House, in Keytesville, shall make final settlement of said estate.

M. F. COURTNEY, Administrator.

FINAL SETTLEMENT NOTICE.

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of Owen & Courtney are hereby notified that the undersigned, as surviving partner of said estate, at the next regular term of the Chariton County Probate Court, to be begun and held on the second Monday in February, 1897, at the Court House, in Keytesville, shall make final settlement of said estate.

M. F. COURTNEY, Administrator.

Go to Jos. F. Hansman and call for his 1891 hand-made Bourbon. You will find it matured well, palatable and strictly pure.